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MANUFACTURING OF SOPHISTICATED HELICOPTER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to manufacture sophisticated helicopter indigenously;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated production cost of the said helicopter; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be manufactured?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): At present, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is manufacturing Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) indigenouslyThe helicopter features extensive use of composites and integrated dynamic system. It has been designed to cater for the diverse operational requirements of Army, Air Force and the Navy.

Two numbers of the Limited Series Production of the utility version of ALH have been handed over to the Army.The approximate cost of the LSP version of an ALH is Rs. 25 crores for the skid version and Rs. 29 crores for the wheeled version.